

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action, dated August 17, 2004, claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; and claims 13 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by either US Patent No. 6,081,345 or US Patent No. 6,092,732.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-12 and 14-25 are allowed.

Summary of Response to the Office Action

Applicant has cancelled claims 13 and 26. Accordingly, since claims 1-12 and 14-25 are allowable, Applicant submits that the current application is in condition for allowance. While Applicant agrees that claims 1-12 and 14-25 are allowable and patentably distinguish over the prior art, Applicant respectfully does not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features expressed in the Office Action, nor that each and every feature recited in the claims is required for patentability.

The Rejections of Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant cancels claim 13 from further consideration. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Rejections of Claims 13 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In the Office Action, claims 13 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by either US Patent No. 6,081,345 or US Patent No. 6,092,732. Applicant cancels claims 13 and 26 from further consideration. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of all rejections, and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.R.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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